Warren Report Defended

Boggs Is 'Convinced' Oswald Acted Alone

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In a vigorous defense of the Warren Commission, Rep. Hale Boggs said yesterday it was impossible to dispel all doubts about the Commission's findings.

"Many people would rather believe that there was a conspiracy," the Louisiana Democrat said. "This is unfortunately human nature."

His statement came in a TV appearance (CBS—Face the Nation) during which he said he was "totally convinced" of the finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The House Democratic whip, a member of the Warren Commission, agreed with other commission supporters that only the presentation of new evidence would warrant a new inquiry into the assassination.

According to Rep. Boggs, the commission "established as best that competent men can establish that Oswald assassinated President Kennedy and also shot (Texas Gov. John) Connally.

"The point I make is that the idea that the commission didn't make a thoro and exhaustive and objective examination is one that I reject," he said.

Rep. Boggs was asked about the view, shared by Gov. Connally, that Gov. Connally was hit by a second bullet — and not, as the commission concluded, by the same one that struck President Kennedy and passed thru the President's throat.

Rep. Boggs said that film taken of the assassination by an amateur photographer failed, in his mind, to prove that if there were two separate shots, Oswald could not have fired them both.